

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

September 13, 2018

Room 110

The Public Session Meeting commenced at 1:06 PM, opened by Board President, Dr. Zachary Chatter.

Board members attending were Drs. Cohen, Friedman, Gottlieb and Umezurike. Consumer members present were Frona Kroopnick and Sharon Bunch.

Board staff present: Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Rhonda Edwards, AAG, Board Counsel, Sheri Henderson, Deputy Executive Director, and Elizabeth Kohlhepp, Licensing Coordinator, and Lillian Reese, Legislation.

Representing MDH: Sharon Bloom, MDH

Guests Present: Dr. Jay LeBow

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Except in instances when a public body expressly invites public testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of public participation, or when public participation is otherwise authorized by law, a member of the public attending an open session may not participate in the session.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

The elections for all Board Officer Positions were held. After a vote, the Board welcomed the newly elected officers; Philip Cohen, D.P.M. President, Yvonne Umezurike, D.P.M. Vice President and Sharon Bunch, Secretary/Treasurer. Newly elected Board President, Dr Philip Cohen, continued the Open meeting.

A. MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes from the July 12, 2018 meeting

The minutes from the July 12, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. HB 1452-Addressing CME Requirements concerning the issuance of a CDS permit and a Dispensing Permit for prescribing and dispensing opioids

The Board reviewed HB 1452 - Controlled Dangerous Substances Registration- Authorized Providers- Continuing Education. The Bill requires that all CDS permit holders or those applying for a new/initial permit, will be mandated to submit attestation to Maryland Department of Health (MDH)/Office of

Controlled Substance Administration (OCSA) regarding the completion of 2 CME credits before initial issuance of permit and at permit renewal, specific to prescribing and or dispensing scheduled drugs. The bill also indicates that failure to do so can lead to ineligibility for renewal of the CDS permit/registration by the Office of Controlled Substance Administration. The Bill will go into effect on October 1, 2018. To help inform new incoming licensees that attestation of 2 CME credits to OCSA will be required to receive a CDS permit during their application process, the Board has added the new law requirements to its website and the initial application for a Maryland License. The Board also informed all current licensees of the new 2 CME credit requirement prior to the renewal of their CDS permit via email. The Board discussed how current podiatrists may also use the required CME's by OCSA as part of their 50 CME's required to the Board during their full license renewals as long as they fall within the same cycle. The Board will not be promulgating regulations concerning the new OCSA CME requirement.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bulletin from the MDH Office of Inspector General (OIG) regarding ethics and conflicts

of interest

The Board received a copy of the Bulletin from the MDH Office of Inspector General (OIG) regarding ethics and conflicts for informational purposes.

2. Link for opioid course work required by OCSA

The Board was given one example of a link for opioid course work that would cover the new CME requirement by OCSA. The link to the course is: <https://www.scopeofpain.com/online-training>. The Board was also informed that licensees could call MedChi for other courses that would fulfill the new requirement. During the meeting, Dr. Gottlieb also found the SAFE Opioid course as another option which can be found at:

https://www.playbackacp.com/898?utm_source=REMS&utm_medium=ACPsitesite&utm_campaign=REMS

3. FPMB - [Review Required] Annual Membership Mailing (MD)

The Board was given a copy of the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards (FPMB) annual membership mailing for informational purposes.

4. NPDB Insights- Is it Reportable?

The Board was given a copy of the NPDB Insights- "Is it reportable?" article for informational purposes.

5. FPMB -Survey Related to Restoring Board Immunity, Interim Report & Legislation Introduced

The Board was given a copy of the FPMB -Survey Related to Restoring Board Immunity, Interim Report & Legislation Introduced for informational purposes.

6. Review for eligibility for FULL License:

a. Sarah Malik , DPM

b. Ijeoma Nwaju, DPM

c. Harry Cotler, DPM

d. Whitley Williams, DPM

e. Jungmin Yoo, DPM

The above identified licensure candidates were approved unanimously for the issuance of a full Maryland License.

With no further business, the Board meeting concluded at 2:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Bunch, Secretary/Treasurer